

Leonidar, Mich.

As I am so far from the Brethren church I thought I would write for the EVANGELIST, I attend the Congregational church at this place. We have very good preaching and Sabbath School. I joined the Brethren church at Homer, O., about thirteen years ago, but observed the winds and soon ceased sowing. I regarded the clouds and then I could reap. For the Bible saith he that observeth the winds shall not sow and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap, found in Ecclesiastes 11:4. You will also read 2 Tim. 2:10.

When we stop and think we are here but a short time, ought we not tremble when the thought of sin comes before us. We may think we cannot do much but we can pray and at some time drop a word that will be the means of saving some poor soul from that death that the sinful die. Although we may not live to see the fruits of our work but it will perhaps never be forgotten.

I remember well the last time I saw brother Alvin O. Jacobs of Homer, O., who has been dead quite a number of years. He said to me, John don't forget your mother's church. Those words still sound in my ears as plain as the day they were spoken.

I came here about a year ago, but have not forgotten my mother's church. I ask the prayers of all God's people and trust I may soon be with my Brethren at Homer, O.

J. A. McDONALD.

#### College Notes

We are approaching the end of the last half of the list of congregations—and not a failure to report! So far Indiana is all right. I almost turn pale as I wonder if some congregation will tarnish her record. And if some congregation, who will be its pastor? Before I would be the pastor I would do more scratching than a bantam.

LaPaz was the first church that said we will pay (in my canvass.) Brother Hostetler was collector. Send in your money, brethren, if you have not done so, and then we will put the feather in your cap.

Claypool's feathers is already flying. The money is sent in.

Though this congregation is in debt on its church property it felt that a church without a college *would soon have no property.*

Of course, Elkhart would never consent to stand in the unpaid list. Send in your money, Brother Hubbard and your good little wife may draw up the flag. You can all shout.

Brother Henry Bowman, of Roann said at first "we can't." Then he said *we must.* When a Bowman says *we must*, that settles it. Roann's one hundred dollars is ready, and they are in debt on their church property too.

New enterprise is the home of the Keims. You would know from the name that they were "solid" for the college. Send in your money, Brother Hopkins, and come up and get your chromo.

At North Manchester—well, what do you

expect me to say? In the unpaid list? Listen. Brother Fox has been—*has been*, mark you, somewhat against the college. But the way he is "making it go" with a subscription paper would convince you that his name, even, is not by chance. If others will get on the right side as he has done their congregations will be all right, too. Send in your money, Brother Fox, and come and get your sack of popcorn.

Mexico is all right. She had the best excuse in the world to pay but fifty dollars. But this church does not hunt for excuses to free itself from doing *what is right.* No wonder it is a power for good. Its one hundred dollars is ready.

New Highland. Hear her say "here". This congregation had said in a business meeting that they would do nothing for the college. But you ought to have seen them "go back" on that kind of business. Brother Flora helped me much here. Send in your money Brother Hoffman, and the community will be strengthened by being manly enough to change your minds when you saw you were wrong.

The work at Salem is yet to be completed. I am quite sure the people there will not allow it to be reported as the first failure.

Some congregations are sending in their money without any aid from us.

Watch for our next report. We hope it will be the best. God is certainly with us.

G. W. RENCH.

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#### Parsons Kans.

I am now at work in this district for College debt, and all other interests of the church, and I earnestly solicit correspondence with all the brethren, unorganized in the district, that I may know where to visit them and to learn of their need, and do what I can to assist them.

We hope soon to be able to report our apportionment ready—to be drawn upon, no place I have visited has failed to respond so far as able, and I believe the College can be saved to the church, if all will just make a little sacrifice.

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#### Auburn Junction, Ind.

Since our last report one more dear sister is with us. A few months ago we saw the black chariot of death taking her husband down into the chill of the sepulcher, and the burden seemed hard for her to bear, but thank God she heard the call and came to Christ for comfort and consolation, and now rejoices with the hope that they shall meet beyond.

Went to see another sister who is afflicted and unable to walk; she wants to be baptized and arrangements are being made to take her to the baptistery. Oh, it's hard to see men and women waste their young and useful lives and then when afflictions come, give God their useless lives, but bless his name, he is willing to receive such. Pray for us.

The brethren and sisters at Auburn Junction wish to invite everybody to the dedication of their new church, which will take place Nov. 14. Brother McFaden will be with us. Pray for us that God may bless us with everything needed and that his kingdom may prosper here.

Yours for Christ,

ARTHUR T. WIRICK.

#### Philadelphia Items

On the evening of October 28, we held our Fall love feast; it was a season of blessed communion together, pervaded with deep spiritual heart-searching and power. These feasts are generally pleasant and profitable to all who participate in them, and many of us indeed regard them as essential to salvation.

Next to the meditations incident to the occasion, the most impressive thought that engaged my mind was the comparatively few that know anything about such feasts. If they are essential to salvation for us, are they not equally so to others. Has the Lord only intended them for a few, or have his professed followers neglected or refused to witness such blessings to the uttermost parts of the earth. The reader will naturally say that the church has been derelict in her mission, but what have you done, or what are you doing to spread the truth everywhere? What the church has done, or has not done in past ages does not concern us, what the church is doing, or not doing today does not directly concern us, what other men are doing, or not doing does not concern us individually; what have I done, or what am I doing is the one vital question. The church only does collectively the sum of what her members do individually.

To refuse to work and sacrifice because others fail to do so will not relieve us of our responsibility, it is personal.

During those communion seasons when our approach is so close to the Master that we almost hear his great throb, let us think of the multiplied millions that have never yet had an opportunity to learn to know him; compare cannibal, or heathen feasts attended with murder with our love-feasts, then ponder the fact that only Jesus through the Gospel and the agency of men has the power to transform cannibals or heathens from murderous brutes to loving, lovable creatures.

The blank "pledges" for the support of the Mission cause have just been sent out with the EVANGELIST. At our love-feasts is a good time and place to decide how much to subscribe to the cause of the Master, a good place to test our love, and show in a practical way how much it amounts to in dollars and cents, and also in loving, self-sacrificing service.

Our home needs are pressing, and the foreign work should not be neglected; we will never really flourish at home until we get into harmony with the purpose of the Master to evangelize the whole world.

JACOB C. CASSEL.